

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, BANGALORE.

Subject :—30 Grants for Public Improvements.

*Circular No. 30, dated 28th March 1925.*To—*The Presidents of all Local Bodies.*

SIR,

An instance of the Government grant to a local body for Public Improvements having been drawn from the Treasury on the authority of the Government Order granting it without the previous permission of this office and without complying with the requirements of this Office Circular No. 37, dated 21st July 1923 having come to notice, I have the honor to state that the grants sanctioned by Government from time to time to local bodies cannot be drawn without special authority from this office. The portion of these grants payable periodically will be regulated in accordance with the circular referred to above which is printed below for information and guidance :—

Circular No. 37—W. A. D. (Mis.), dated 21st July 1923.

To—The Executive Engineers of Divisions.
The Presidents of District Boards.
The Presidents of Municipalities.
The Presidents of other Local Bodies.

*Expenditure incurred against the provision in the Budget under
"30 Grants for Public Improvements."*

Sir,

I have the honor to intimate to you that grants sanctioned by Government for public works are at present placed to the credit of the local bodies concerned in the Treasury Accounts and thus constitute an expenditure to Government under the above head, whether the amount so placed to the credit of the local body is expended during the year or spread over a series of years. This method of transferring the full grant at the beginning has proved defective inasmuch as, the unutilised portion of the Government grant could not be made available for expenditure on other beneficial objects.

2. The following procedure is therefore prescribed for the guidance of local bodies in drawing these grants sanctioned by Government. Expenditure will, in the first instance, be incurred by local bodies out of their own funds and at the end of the month, a bill for the Government share of expenditure incurred in accordance with the order sanctioning the grant will be sent to the Audit Office for preaudit and authorising payment of the amount. Expenditure incurred in excess of the Government grant for the year for particular works will not be passed without the special order of Government.

3. In cases in which the works are entrusted to the Public Works Department for execution, the local body will place its portion of the estimated amount with the Executive Engineer concerned by a crossed cheque on the Treasury, in favor of the Executive Engineer. On receipt of intimation that this amount has been received from the local body the Executive Engineer will be authorised to incur expenditure both against the amount paid by the local body and the Government grant. The amount paid by the local body will as usual be kept under 'Public Works Deposits—Contributions.' The expenditure incurred by the Executive Engineer every month will be debited to 'Public Works Deposits—Contributions' and '30 Grants for Public Improvements,' in the proportion prescribed by Government in the order sanctioning the project. For this purpose, the head '30 Grants for Miscellaneous Public Improvements, and the required minor head thereunder' may be opened in the charge side of the abstract of receipts and disbursements from July 1923. The Executive Engineers will under no circumstances incur expenditure in excess of the Government share of the estimate and the grant for the year.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. SATYARAJ CHETTY,

Comptroller.